

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KIYOSHI KUSAMA ET AL.) : Examiner: Leon J. Harper
Application No.: 10/628,407) : Art Unit: 2166
Filed: July 29, 2003) :
For: METHOD, APPARATUS,) : Conf. No.: 6364
AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR) :
IMAGE PROCESSING) : January 29, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2006, and prior to any further examination pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.